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Application of : Himmelsbach, F. et al) Art Unit: 1624
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containing these compounds, their use and processes
for preparing them
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed on March 31, 2003, setting forth an election of species requirement and a one-month period for reply. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month up to and including June 2, 2003 (May 31, 2003 being a Saturday) is submitted herewith, together with the necessary fee.

According to the Examiner, claims 1, 2, 7, 10, and 11 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising variable X of generic Formula (I) wherein X=CH-CN or X=N. The Examiner requires election to a single disclosed species with all variables (X, Ra, Rb, A, B, C, D, and E) exactly and definitely known.

Applicants hereby elect X=N wherein the variable are defined as follows:

X: nitrogen
A: imino (-NH-)
B: carbonyl
C: 1,2-vinylene
D: methylene
E: diethylamino
Ra: hydrogen
Rb: phenyl substituted by R1=H, R2=F, and R3=Cl
Rc: cyclopropyl-methoxy

Support for the above compound, *i.e.*, 4-[(3-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)amino]-6-{[4-(N,N-diethylamino)-1-oxo-2-buten-1-yl]amino}-7-cyclopropylmethoxy-quinazoline, can be found throughout the specification, *inter alia*, in Example 3.

An examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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